



Office of the City Clerk

Weekly Report – for Week Ending May 20, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK – PROJECTS AND STATUS

Elections

A coalition of labor unions and housing advocates gathered nearly 100,000 signatures for a ballot measure that would force real estate developers to provide affordable housing when they want to build bigger projects than city rules would otherwise allow. The petition was filed on Monday, May 16. The plan, dubbed Build Better L.A., needed to get roughly 62,000 valid signatures to qualify for the November ballot. The proposed ballot measure would impose new requirements on building projects that seek exemptions from planning and zoning rules, including those that limit building height or density. In addition to requiring affordable housing, the ballot measure also seeks to ensure that a percentage of construction jobs on such projects go to local residents. The City Clerk must now examine the signatures and determine whether the proposal has enough valid signatures to move forward.

The nominating petition period for the LACERS special election ended on Monday, May 16, with five qualifying candidates. Ballot packets are scheduled to be mailed to voters on June 10.

Staff successfully tallied nearly 2,000 Neighborhood Council (NC) ballots for the May 14 Region 7 NC elections with a new ballot scanning system. This system will be used to tally ballots for all upcoming elections in the four remaining regions.

Business Improvement Districts

On May 18, 2016, the City Council adopted the City Clerk report relative to the extension of a consultant contract for the creation of the proposed Echo Park Business Improvement District.

Records Management

The City Archives posted to its YouTube page an image of the original design plan for Pershing Square, circa 1880: <https://www.facebook.com/584329005006277/photos/a.603610523078125.1073741830.584329005006277/825666800872495/?type=3&theater>

Systems

The Board of Public Works presented the Novus Agenda Builder to its commissioners last week. Novus was well received by the commissioners and they are looking forward to its implementation.

Administrative Services

Staff is continuing to canvas elected offices and the CLA regarding their decisions on the upcoming June increases as stipulated by the EAA agreement. The Clerk is waiting on answers from two offices.

Issue(s)

The Clerk continues to work with Finance and DONE to seek a successor bank, since Union Bank will be stopping their services in the near future. Current negotiations with Wells Fargo uncovered bank policies that would make a contract with that bank problematic. While Finance continues to negotiate with Wells Fargo in an effort to address these issues, DONE will be negotiating with other smaller, local banks to determine if one of them would be willing to be the NC's bank.



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Upcoming

Neighborhood Council Elections for Region 8 will be on May 21.

On Sunday, June 5th, the City Archivist and the Los Angeles City Historical Society will be presenting the video and film collection of the City Archives, "THIS IS LOS ANGELES, Movies Made By and About the City," at LAPL at 2:00 p.m. in the Mark Taper Auditorium.

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